

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1846.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FAIRFIELD made the following

REPORT :

[To accompany bill S. No. 84]

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Ballard, ask leave to submit the following report :*

By the petition and evidence in the case, it appears that the petitioner enlisted into the naval service of the United States on the 8th day of March, 1813, and was honorably discharged therefrom, March 6, 1815. That, while thus in the service, and attached to the ship Washington, then lying at Portsmouth, N. H., he accidentally fell down one of the hatchways into the hold, whereby his left leg was fractured, and a severe rupture in the abdomen produced. In consequence of this injury, he remained upon the sick list until he was regularly discharged from the service, and ever since has suffered much pain, and has been more or less disabled from procuring a livelihood by manual labor. By the depositions of respectable physicians and surgeons, it appears that, at the present time, in consequence of the injuries aforesaid, he is *totally disabled* from procuring a living by labor, and, by other evidence, that he is extremely poor and needy.

The lapse of time, and the want of the surgeon's certificate of the facts, have compelled him to apply to Congress for relief, instead of seeking it through the Pension office under existing laws. It appearing, however, that the persons then attached to said ship as surgeon and surgeon's mate are both dead, and on a view of all the circumstances of the case, the committee deem it a proper one for relief, and herewith report a bill for that purpose.

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